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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
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TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, AS

SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

REF: CANBERRA 3979

1. PLEASE EXPRESS TO APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL GOA OFFICIALS
OUR SERIOUS CONCERNS WITH THE ACTIONS DESCRIBED REFTEL WHICH
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HAVE BEEN IMPOSED OR CONTEMPLATED. YOU MAY DRAW ON THE
FOLLOWING POINTS AND SHOULD URGE THE RECONSIDERATION OF
THESE ACTIONS.

2. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS BY USDA INDICATES THAT US EXPORTS
OF DRIED/FROZEN POTATO PRODUCTS COULD DECLINE SIGNIFICANTLY
IF RECOMMENDATIONS OF IAC ARE IMPLEMENTED, WHILE SURVIVAL

OF ORANGE JUICE EXPORTS IS NOW A REAL QUESTION. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IDENTIFYING BY TARIFF LINE ALL VEGETABLE OILS COVERED BY THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE CURRENT DUTY WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR US TO ASSESS PROBABLE IMPACT ON EXPORTS BUT WE WOULD EXPECT IT TO BE SUBSTANTIAL. EMBASSY IS WELL AWARE OF PROBLEMS WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST WITH AUSTRALIAN TOBACCO STABILIZATION PROGRAM. WHILE THE ORIGINAL MIXING REGULATIONS WERE IN EFFECT PRIOR TO GATT ACCESSION AND THEREFORE ALLOWABLE WE VIEW THE INCREASINGLY RESTRICTIVE MODIFICATIONS OF THEM AS BEING IN VIOLATION

OF GATT ARTICLE III. ANY FURTHER INCREASE IN THE MIXING PERCENTAGE WOULD ONLY SERVE TO FURTHER REDUCE OUR DWINDLING SHARE OF THAT MARKET AND VERY LIKELY ELICIT FROM US GROWERS PRESSURE FOR SOME FORM OF RETALIATORY ACTION.

3. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES CONTEMPLATED BY THE GOA MAY ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO TAKE SIMILAR ACTION. AUSTRALIA AND THE US SHARE THE OBJECTIVE IN THE MTN OF REDUCING BARRIERS TO TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. RESTRICTIVE ACTIONS ON THAT TRADE CAN ONLY ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR COMMON EFFORTS IN GENEVA.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD REPORT GOA REACTION TO APPROACH.
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